

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**  
**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**  
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**SECRETARY'S MEMORANDUM 1030-054**

**DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY  
AGRICULTURAL BIOTERRORISM PROTECTION ACT OF 2002**

**1 PURPOSE**

Pursuant to the Agricultural Bioterrorism Protection Act of 2002, Pub. L. No. 107-188, the Secretary is authorized to regulate the possession, use, and transfer of biological agents and toxins that have the potential to pose a severe threat to both human and animal health, to animal health, to plant health, or to animal or plant products. Under the authority of the Act, the Secretary must establish and enforce safety procedures to contain and dispose of agents and toxins, and must establish and enforce safeguard and security measures to prevent access to agents and toxins for use in domestic or international terrorism or for any other criminal purpose.

**2 DELEGATION**

As the Secretary of Agriculture, I hereby delegate authorities vested in the Secretary by the Agricultural Bioterrorism Protection Act of 2002 to the Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs. The Under Secretary is authorized to further delegate those authorities to the Administrator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

**3 TERMINATION**

This delegation is effective immediately and will remain in effect for one year, or until such earlier time as the Department's published delegations of authority have been revised to incorporate the provisions of this memorandum.

ANN M. VENEMAN  
Secretary